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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Methods and Compositions for Synthesis of Nucleic Acid Molecules
Using Multiple Recognition Sites**
Inventors: CHESNUT *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.5340002/RWE/BJD/JKM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. List of cited references on Form PTO-1449 (2 pages);
3. Copies of references **AN14, AS136, AT136 and AS137** listed on Form PTO-1449 (4 documents); and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

The numbering on this Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Eighth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed January 21, 2005, in connection with the above-captioned application.

Copies of documents **AF12-AK12** and **AA13-AI13** are not provided in accordance with the Changes To Support Implementation of the United States Patent and Trademark Office 21st Century Strategic Plan, effective October 21, 2004, which states "section 1.98(a)(2)(i) is amended to eliminate the requirement in paragraph (a)(2)(i) for a copy of each U.S. patent or U.S. patent application publication listed in an IDS in a patent application regardless of the filing date of the application."

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The Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Application, which is directed to related technical subject matter:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/970,635, Hanson, filed October 22, 2004 and cited herewith as document **AR137**.

The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to this application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached Form PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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